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Sir:

**REQUEST**

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner return an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449, filed with the Information Disclosure Statement on April 16, 2002, to the undersigned. A copy of the same was not received with the Office Action dated June 30, 2004 or previously. The present paper is not filed in response to the Office Action of June 30, 2004. A copy of the previously-filed Form PTO-1449 with a copy of the USPTO PAIR page which confirms receipt of the Information Disclosure Statement filed April 16, 2002 are attached for the Examiner's convenience.

The Examiner is requested to confirm the acceptance of the drawings filed with the application on November 29, 2001, or otherwise provide specific objections of the same. The Office Action of June 30, 2004, is incomplete in this respect.

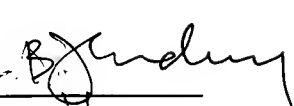
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The Examiner is also requested to acknowledge the applicants claim for domestic priority as the Office Action of June 30, 2004 does not include the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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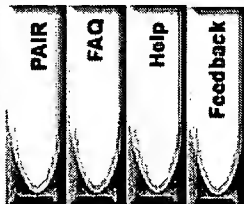
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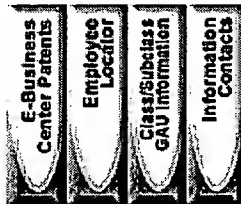
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